



# St Mary's C of E Junior School



## Newsletter



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# Welcome Back!

On behalf of the governors and staff, we would like to welcome all of our families back this autumn term. If you are a new family to the school, I hope to meet you soon and hope your children flourish throughout their time in the Junior School. It has been so wonderful to see how happy the children are to be back and they are settling into their new classes nicely. We would like to thank parents for your support concerning high standards in school uniform. The children all look very smart and **every single child is now wearing black school shoes**; fantastic!



Just a reminder...

### Nuts and snacks in school

We have several children in our school who have severe allergies to nuts. It is extremely important that your children do not bring any nut-based snacks into school, either for break time or in their packed lunches. This

includes Nutella/chocolate spread.

At break times, children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fresh fruit, a cereal bar (without nuts) or plain biscuit for morning break. Sweets, chocolate snacks and crisps **are not allowed**. These snacks should not be stored in packed lunch boxes, but packed separately in your child's school bag where they can be accessed at break time.



### Free School Meals

Year 3 parents, if entitled, please apply for Free School Meals as soon as possible. Please apply on-line at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or telephone 0300 123 4048.

### Dinner Money

Hertfordshire Catering Limited have updated to a **cashless** payment system. Please pay on-line by visiting:- [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). Dinner money must be paid for in advance on a Sunday evening/Monday morning for the week ahead. Thank you

### Staffing news

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Hinchliff is expecting her second child. I'm sure that you will join us in congratulating Mrs Hinchliff and her family. She will take maternity leave from January 2019.

I would also like to welcome three new members of staff - Mrs Stapleford has joined us as a TA in Year 4, Miss Murphy as a TA in Year 6 and Mrs McFarlane-Cushing as a lunchtime supervisor.



On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, at 2.00pm, we will be hosting a MacMillan coffee and cake event in the school hall.

As part of this event, there will be a children's cake competition and cake sale. Bake a sponge cake (the more inventive the better) to enter the competition, or just come along to enjoy a cuppa and a friendly chat with other parents.

It would be wonderful if we could have as many cakes as possible to raise money for this extremely worthwhile charity.

*We would love to see you there!*



Our Harvest Festival this year is on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 9.30am** at St Mary's Church, Baldock.

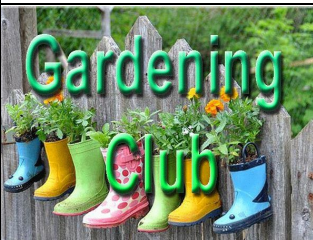
As in previous years, we will be collecting for the local food banks and children should bring anything that they wish to donate on the morning of the event. Fresh produce should be avoided. Here is a list of produce that the food bank are in need of:

- Long life milk UHT
- Tinned custard
- Tinned rice
- Tinned fish
- Sugar (500g)
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Pasta noodles for one
- Biscuits
- Sponge pudding
- Ladies deodorant
- Tinned fruits
- Pasta sauce
- Toilet rolls

Parents are warmly invited to this community event.



Over the summer, we seem to have acquired some unwanted guests in school. Since the beginning of the week, there have been two sightings of rats around our mobile classroom. We have acted appropriately to deal with this through pest control. In the meantime, children have been asked to avoid dropping litter or unwanted snacks on the school field or the playground.



### Green fingered garning Club helper required!

We are looking for a parent or grand parent to help run our gardening club for one lunchtime each week. The children are very passionate about this club and are looking for an equally passionate helper to guide them towards winning even more prizes at the horticultural shows this year. If you can help, please contact Mrs Duke in the school office.

### School Council

Please could all children wishes to be considered for school council have their posters/manifesto's ready for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Elections will take place during the week.

### Letters

Several letters have been sent home this week including:- permission to walk home, flu letter (Yr3-5), after and before school club letters and trip letters. Please read, sign and return to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

### Music Lessons

*Music lessons will start next week (w/c 10<sup>th</sup> Sept). Please look out for invoices in your child's bookbag.*

## Diary dates (further dates will be added throughout the term)

### September

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> - Children Challenging Industry Year 6, session 1 (visitors into school)

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew, Stevenage

Weds 19<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Olympic Legacy, KTS (letters to follow)

Weds 26<sup>th</sup> - Children Challenging Industry Year 6, session 2 (visitors into school)

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> - Macmillan Coffee and cake event, 2.00pm school hall

### October

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> - Harvest Festival, St Mary's Church 9.30am

Weds 10<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 visit to Johnson Matthey (letters to follow)

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Year 3-5 Flu vaccinations

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 6 Heights, weights and measures (school nurse)

- **Parents Evening 5.30-8pm**

Weds 24<sup>th</sup> - **Parents Evening 3.30-6pm**

### November

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> - Children Challenging Industry Year 6, session 1 (visitors into school)

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 trip to London Docklands

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> - Individual photographs in the school hall

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> - Children Challenging Industry Year 6, session 2 (visitors into school)

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> - Advent service in the school hall, 11am

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> - Occasional day (**SCHOOL IS CLOSED**)

### December

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Christingle class session

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 visit to Johnson Matthey (letters to follow)

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Communion, school hall

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Christingle class session

-Year 3 and 4 Christingle service 11am, school hall

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Service, 9.30am St Mary's Church

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> - End of term. **School closes at 1.30pm**